All the severall

ORDINANCES

And ORDERS

Made by the LORDS and COMMONS Assembled in Parliament, concerning

Sequestring

The Estates of Delinquents, Papists, Spyes and Intelligencers.

Together with Instructions for such persons as are imployed in Sequestring of such Delinquents Estates.

Very usefull for those whom it doth or may concerne.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That the Ordinances and Orders be printed and published.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament taking into their serious considerations, the heavie pressures and calamities which now lie upon this Kingdom, by this unnaturall War raised against the Parliament; And that notwithstanding all their faithfull and unceasant endeavours, for the preserving of His Majesty and the whole Kingdom from the mischievous and restlesse designs of Papists and ill-affected persons (whose aym is the extirpation of our Religion, Laws and Liberties:) Yet their Counsels and practises are still so prevalent with His Majesty, and the hearts of many people so misled and beguiled by their false pretences and insinuations, that nothing can be expected but ruine and desolation, unlesse God in mercy prevent it, and incline His Majesties heart to the faithfull advice of His great Counsell of Parliament; which hath ever been, and is (under God) the chiefe support of His Royall Dignity, and the security of al that we have, or can enjoy. And for that it is most agreeable to common justice, that the estates of such notorious Delinquents, as have been the causes or Instruments of the publik calamities, which have been hitherto imployed to the fomenting, and nourishing of these miserable Distractions, should be converted and applyed towards the supportation of the great charges of the Common-wealth, and for the easing of the good Subjects therein, who have hitherto borne the greatest share in these burthens.

Be it therefore Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That the Estates, as well reall as personall, of the severall Bishops hereafter mentioned: That is to say, of *William* Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, *Iohn* Arch-Bishop of *York*, *Thomas* Bishop of *Durresme*, *Robert* Bishop of *Coventry* and *Litchfield*, *Ioseph*

Joseph Bishop of *Norwich*, *John* Bishop of *Asaph*, *Robert* Bishop of *Oxford*, *William* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, *George* Bishop of *Hereford*, *Matthew* Bishop of *Ely*, *Godfrey* Bishop of *Gloucester* *John* Bishop of *Peterborough*, *Morgan* Bishop of *Landaff*, *John* Bishop of *Worcester*, And of all such Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Prebends, Archdeacons, and of all other person and persons, Ecclesiasticall, or Temporall as have raised or shall raise Armes against the Parliament, or have been, are, or shall be in actuall war against the same; or have voluntarily contributed, or shall voluntarily contribute, (not being under the power of any part of the Kings Army, at the time of such contributing) any Money, Horse, Plate, Arms, Munition, or other ayd or Assistance, for or towards the maintenance of any forces raised against the Parliament, or for the opposing of any force or power raised by authority of both Houses of Parliament; or for the robbing, spoyling, plundring, or destroying of any the Kings Subjects, who have willingly contributed, or yielded obedience to the Commands of both Houses of Parliament; and of all such as have joyned, or shall joyn in any Oath, or act of Association against the Parliament; or have imposed or shall impose any Tax or Assessement upon His Majesties Subjects, for or towards the maintenance of any forces against the Parliament, or have, or shall use any force or power to levy the same, shall be forthwith seized and sequestred into the hands of the Sequestrators, and Committees hereafter in this Ordinance named; and of such other persons, as shall at any other time hereafter be appointed and nominated by both Houses of Parliament for any County, City, or place within the Realme of *England*, or Dominion of *Wales*: Which said Sequestrators and Committees, or any two or more of them in each severall county, city, or place respectively, are hereby authorized, and required, by themselves, their Agents and Deputies, to take and seize into their hands and custodies, as well all the Money, Goods, Chattels, Debts, and personall Estate; as also all and every the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditamenes, Rents, Arrerages of Rents, Revenues, and profits of all and every the said Delinquents, or persons before specified, or which they, or any of them, or any other in trust for them, or any of them, or to

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their, or any of their use or uses, have, hath, or shall have, and also two parts of all the Money, Goods, Chattels, Debts, and personall Estate; and two parts of all, and every the Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Rents, Arrerages of Rents, Revenues, and profits of all and every Papist, or which any other person hath in trust for any Papists, or to the use or uses of any Papists, and to let, set, and demise the same, or any part thereof, as the respective Land-lord, or owner thereof, may or might have done, from yeer to yeer; And shall have power to call before them, or any two of them, all Stewards, Bailiffs, Rent-gatherers, Auditors, or other Officers, or Servants, as well of the said Archbishops, Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Prebends, Archdeacons, as of all and every other of the said Delinquents, or persons before specified; and to send for, or take any Books of Accompts, Rentals, Copies of Court-Rolls, or other Evidences, Writings or Memorials, touching the premisses or any of them, and thereby and by all other ways or means, which to the said Sequestrators, or any two or more of them, shall seem meet and necessary to informe themselves, as well of the said severall Delinquents, and every of them, as of their severall Estates and Possessions, Rents, Arrerages of Rents, Revenues and Profits, Goods and Chattels, Estates reall and personall, and the true value thereof, and of all things concerning the same, or any part thereof; and to appoint any officer or officers, or other person or persons under them, for the better expediting of this Service: Which said persons are hereby authorized and enjoyned to perform and execute all and every the commands of the said Sequestrators or Committees, or any two or more of them, respectively, in and concerning the Premisses; and shall have such allowances for their pains and charges in that behalf, as the said Sequestrators or Committees, or any two or more of them shall think fit. And the said Sequestrators or Committees, or any two or more of them respectively, their Agents and Deputies, within their severall Limits, shall have power, and are hereby authorized and required to enter into all and every such Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, of all and every the said Delinquents or persons before specified, and to receive such Rents,

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Arrerages of Rents, Heriots, Issues, Profits, Sums of money Debts, and other duties, as aforesaid to them or any of them due or payable; by their, or any of their severall and respective Tenants, or other person or persons: Which said Tenants and other persons, are hereby required to pay the same to the said Sequestrators, or Committees, or any two or more of them accordingly, and not so, or to the use of the said Delinquents, or any of them; Yet so nevertheless, That in respect of the hardnesse of the times, and the great charges, which otherwise lie upon the said Tenants and others, by occasion of this present warre, every such Tenant which shall pay to the said Sequestrators or Committees, or any two of them, as aforesaid shall upon their obedience and conformity to this Order be considered out of the said Rents, Revenues, and Profits, and shall be discharged of the whole Rent against his Land-Lord, or any other, to whom the same is due, being such Delinquents as aforesaid; and as well they the said Tenants, as every other person or persons, which shall pay any Rent, sum of money, or other thing, according to this Ordinance, shall be protected and saved harmelesse from any forfeiture, penalty, or damage, which he or they may incurre by not payment of his, or their said Rent, sum of Money, or other thing according to his, or their Lease, Copy or other agreement, by the power and authority of both Houses of Parliament.

And if any such Tenant or Tenants, shall refuse to pay his, or their Rent or Rents, The said Sequestrators or Committees, their Agents or Deputies, according to this Ordinance at such time and places, as the same shall become due and payable, The said Sequestrators or any two or more of them, by themselves, their Agents or Deputies, shall have power to distrain for the same, and to take all other advantanges for non-payment thereof as the Land-Lord might have done.

And the said Sequestrators, or any two or more of them shall have power to sue for, and recover any debt, sum of money, or other duty owing to the said Delinquents or persons before specified or any of them; As also to give discharges and acquittances for any Rent sum of money, Debts, Duty, or other thing, which they shall receive out of the Estates, of the said Delin-

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quents, or any of them; and shall be accompable from time to time for the same, and for all such other things as shall be had, or taken by them, their Agents or Deputies; and for all their receipts and payments, and other Acts for, or in respect of the premises, to both Houses of Parliament, or such as they shall appoint; and shall pay in all such sums of money, as they, or any of them shall receive out of the said Estates, unto the Treasurers at *Guildhall London* and shall keep Bookes of accompts; and shall be from time to time subject to the further Orders and directions of both Houses of Parliament, for allowance to the said Delinquents, or otherwise as cause shall require, of all their receipts and payments. And the said Sequestrators or Committees, or any two or more of them, their Agents and Deputies, shall have power to call to their Aid and Assistance the Trained-Bands, Voluntiers, or other forces, of, or within their severall Counties Cities, or places respectively, or any other person or persons, dwelling in or next the place, to compell obedience to this Ordinance, where any resistance shall be made, or as oft as need shall require. And shall have power to punish such person or persons, as they shall finde refractory, negligent or faulty in the said service, by fine and imprisonment, such fine not exceeding the sum of twenty pounds; or to certifie their names to the Committees of Lords and Commons appointed for this service; who shall have power to send for them, or any of them, and to commit them to such prisons, and places, and for so long time as they shall think fit. And the said Trained-Bands, Voluntiers, and other forces, their Commanders and Officers; and also the severall Constables, Headboroughs, and other Officers, and persons within their Limits are hereby required and enjoyned to be aydingand assisting to the said Sequestrators, or any two or more of them as oft as they shall be thereunto required.

And it is further Declared and Ordained by the Lords and Commons, That all and every of the said sums, Rents, Revenues and profits, Estate Reall and personall of all and every the said Delinquents, or person before specified, shall be imployed to the use, and for the maintaining of the Army and forces raised by the Parliament, and such other uses as shall be directed by both Houses of Parliament, for the benefit of the commonwealth.

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Lastly, be it Ordained, That all and every the said Sequestrators and Committees, shall have allowances for their necessary charges and pains, in and about the premises, as they shall be allowed by both Houses of Parliament; And that as well they, as all others who shall be employed in the said service, or shall do anything in execution or performance of this Ordinance, shall be therein protected and saved harmeless by the power and authority of both the said Houses. And if any person or persons shall finde him or themselves agrieved with any Act done by the said Sequestrators, their Agents or Deputies, or any of them concerning the premises, and shall not therein be relieved by the said Sequestrators, upon complaint made unto them or any two or more of them; then upon information thereof given to both Houses of Parliament, or to the said Committee of Lords and Commons beforementioned, such further Order shall be taken therein, as shall be agreeable to justice. Provided, that where any former Ordinance hath been made by both Houses of Parliament, for the seizing or Sequestring of the estates of any of the Delinquents before specified, within any county, city, or place, and accordingly executed there, this present Ordinance shall not be put in execution, till further Order be taken, by both Houses of Parliament. Provided also, That all and every the said estates of the said Delinquents, shall be chargeable and lyable for their proportionable part of such other publique charges or duties to be set or allowed of by both Houses of Parliament, as they ought to pay, if this Ordinance had not been made: And to all such other charges, duties, payments, or other rights which are or shall be due, or payable, or of right belonging to any other person or persons out of the premises, other then to such Delinquents as aforesaid, the same to be paid and disbursed by these Sequestrators, or any two of them respectively.

Provided also, that where no Committees are named by this Ordinance, in any City or Town, which is a County of it self, there the Committees for the County at large next adjoyning may execute this Ordinance within every such City or Town, till other Committees shall be named and appointed for the same, by both Houses of Parliament. And that where no Committees

tees are herein named for any county, city, or place, such other persons as shall be hereafter nominated by both Houses, shall have the like power to execute this Ordinance in every such countie, citie or place, as the Committees in this present Ordinance named have.

Provided also, and be it further Ordained, That all and singular such Revenues, Rents, Issues, Fees, Profits, Sums of money, and all allowances whatsoever, as have heretofore been, and now ought to be paid, disposed unto, or for the maintenance of any Colledge or Hospitall, whose Revenues, or any part thereof, have not been employed for maintenance of the Warre against the Parliament; Grammar-School, or Scholars, or for or towards the reparation of any Church, Chappell, High-way, Causey, Bridge, School-house, or other charitable use, payable by any the Corporations or persons whose Estates are to be sequestred by this Ordinance, which are chargeable upon, or ought to issue out of, or be paid for, or in respect of their Estates, Lands, or possessions, or any of them, other then such Delinquents as aforesaid shall be; and continue to be paid, disposed, and allowed by the said Sequestrators, or any two or more of them, as they were and have been heretofore: Any thing in this present Ordinance to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

Bedford.

FOr *the County of Bedford*, *Sir* Beaucham Saintjohn, *sir* John Burgoyn *Baronet*, *sir* Thomas Alston *Knight and Baronet*; *sir* Roger Burgoyn *Knight*, *sir* Oliver Luke *Knight*, *Sir* Samuel Luke *Knight*; Thomas Rolt, Thomas Sadler, James Beverley, Humphrey Monox, Edward Osborn, Robert Stanton, *and* Samuel Brown *Esquires*.

For the towne of Bedford, the Major for the time being.

Berks.

For the County of Berks, *sir* Francis Pile *Baronet*, *sir* Francis Knollis *junior*, *Knight*; Peregrine Hobby, Henry Martin, Roger Knight, Henry Powle, Thomas Fettiplace, *and* Tanfield Vachel, *Esquires*.

For the Town of Reading, *the Major for the time being*; Henry Martin, Tanfield Vachel, *Esquires*.

Buckingham

For the County of Buckingham, *sir* Richard Ingloseby *Knight*; Henry Bulstrode, Thomas Terrall, Richard Greenvill, *Esquires*;

sir Peter Temple *Baronet*, *sir* Thomas Saunders *Knight*; Anthony Ratcliff, Thomas Westall, *Esq*; *sir* William Andrews *Knight*; Bulstrode Whitlock, John Hampden, Arthur Goodwin, Richard Winwood, *Esq*;

Cambridge. *For the county of Cambridge*, *sir* Dudley North, *sir* John Cuts, *sir* Thomas Martin, *Knights*; *Captain* Symonds, Dudley Pope, *Esquires*; *sir* Miles Sands *Knight*; Francis Russel, Oliver Cromwell, William Fisher, Thomas Tompson, Thomas Becket, Walter Clopton, Robert Castle, Thomas Bendish, John Welbore, Robert Clarke, Michael Dalton *junior*, Thomas Parker, Thomas Ducket, John Hobard, Thomas Castle, George Clapthorne, Iohn Towers, Edw. Leeds, *and* Wil. Marsh, *Esq*;

Chester. *For the county of Chester*, *sir* George Booth *Knight and Baronet*, *sir* William Brereton *Baronet*, Thomas Stanley, Henry Manwaring, Henry Brook, John Bradshaw, Robert Duckenfield, Henry Vernon, John Crew, William Marbury *Esq*;

For the Town and Vniversity of Cambridge, the Major for the time being; Oliver Cromwell, *Master* John Lowry, *Master* William Welpore, Talbot Bepys *Recorder*; John Sherwood, Samuel Spaulden, Thomas French, Robert Robson.

For the city of Chester, William Launce *Major*, John Aldersey, Peter Leigh, William Edwards, *Merchants*.

Cornwall. *For the county of Cornwall*, *sir* Richard Carew *Baronet*; Francis Buller, Alexander Carew, John Trefusis, John Saint-Aubin Richard Erisey, John Moyl, Francis Godolphin of *Tremonogue*, Thomas Gewen, John Garter, Thomas Arundel *Esq*;

Devon. *For the countie of Devon*, *sir* George Chudleigh, *sir* Ioh. Pool, *sir* Ioh. Northcot, *Baronets*; *sir* Edmund Fowell *Knight*, *sir* Sam. Roll *sir* Shilston Calmady, *sir* Nicho. Martin, *Knights*; *sir* Francis Drake *Bar*. Robert Savery, Henry Walrond, Francis Rous, Edmund Prideaux, Henry Worth, Hugh Fortescue. Arth. Upton, John Yeo, William Frye, George Trobridge, *Esq*; *the Major of Plymouth for the time being*; *Master* John Walden.

Exon city. *For the city of Exon*, Christoph. Clarke *Major*; Rich. Sanders, Thomas Crossing, Walter White, *and* John Hakewil, *Aldermen*; Iames Gould *Sheriff*.

Cumberland. *For the county of Cumberland*, William Lawson, Wil. Briscoe, Tho. Lamplough, Rich. Barwis, Ioh. Barwis *senior*, *Esquires*.

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For the County of Derby, Sir John Curson *Baronet, Sir* John Gell *Baronet, Sir* John Coke *Knight*; Francis Revell, Nathaniel Hallowes, *and* James Abney, *Esquires.* Derby.

For the County of Dorset, Denzill Hollis, *Sir* Tho. Trenchard, *Sir* Walter Erle, *Knights*; John Brown, Thomas Tregonall, John Bingham, John Hannam, Joh. Trenchard, Dennis Bond, Richard Broderope, William Savadge, Robert Butler, William Sidenham *junior, Esquires*; Richard Rose, John Henley, Thomas Ceely, Thomas Erle, *Esquires.* Dorset.

For the Town and Countie of Poole, Henry Martin *Major*, George Skut, William Skut, Anthony Wait, William Williams, Aaron Durell, Richard Mayer, *and* Haviland Heely, *Aldermen.* Poole.

For the Town of Dorchester, the Major for the time being; *Master* John Hill, *Master* Richard Bury.

For the Countie of Durham, Henry Warmouth, George Lilborn Thomas Mitford, Robert Hutton, Thomas Shadforth, Clement Ealthrop, Richard Lilborn, Francis Wren, John Blackston, Henry Draper, John Brakenbury, *Esquires.* Durham.

For the Countie of Essex, Sir Tho. Barrington, *Knight and Bar. Sir* Hen. Mildmay *of Wanstead, Sir* Martin Lumley *Knight & Bar. Sir* Harbottle Grimston *Knight and Bar. Sir* Rich. Everard *Bar. Sir* Wil. Hicks *Bar. Sir* Tho. Cheek, *Sir* Hen. Halcroft, *Sir* Wil. Rowe, *Sir* Tho. Honywood, *Sir* Wil. Martin, *Sir* Joh. Barrington *Knights*; *Sir* Wil. Massam *Bar.* Wil. Massam, Joh. Wright, Oliver Raymond, Harbottle Grimston, Joh. Sayer, Joh. Burket, Anthony Luther, Timoth. Middleton, Tho. Coke, Dean Tyndal, James Herne, Wil. Goldingham, Joh. Atwood, Joh. Sorrel, Richard Harbackenden, Henry Wiseman, Robert Smith, Robert Brown, William Atwood, Nathaniel Bacon, John Meade, Robert Wiseman *of Mayland*, Isaac Allen, Hasely, Samuel Friborn, Peter Whitcomb, Rob. Young, Jeremy Aylet, Wil. Collard, Robert Crane, Robert Calthrop, Arthur Barnardiston, *Esquires.* Essex.

For Colchester, the Major for the time being; Harbottle Grimston, Henry Barrigton, *Gent.* Colchester.

For the East-Riding of the county of York, Ferdinando *Lord* Fairfax, *Sir* John Hotham *Knight and Baronet, Sir* William Strickland *Baronet, Sir* Philip Stapleton, *Sir* Tho. Rymington. *Knights*; Richard Rymigton, John Hotham, John Analeabe, East-Riding.

Richard Darley, Henry Darley, John Allured, *Esquires.*

North-riding. *For the North-riding*, Ferdinando *Lord* Fairfax, *sir* Hugh Cholmley, *Sir* Henry Foules, *Sir* Thomas Norcliff, *sir* Matthew Boynton, *Baronets*, *sir* William Sheffield *Knight*; John Hotham, Brian Stapleton, Henry Darley, Henry Anderson, John Wassolf, Christopher Perchy, George Frotter, Matthew Smelt, John Legard *de Malton*; Francis Lassels, Geoffrey Gate, John Dent, Thomas Robinson, Francis Boynton, Christopher Waters, *Esquires.*

West-riding. *For the West-Riding*, Ferdinando *Lord* Fairfax, *sir* Thomas Maleverer *Baronet*, *Sir* William Listen, *Sir* Edward Rhodes, *Sir* William Fairfax, *sir* John Savill, *sir* Thomas Fairfax, *Knights*; John Hotham, Charles Fairfax, Henry Ardington, John Farrar, William White, Thomas Maleverer, George Warwood, John Robinson, Thomas Stockdale, Thomas Westby, John Bright, Thomas Bosevile, Godfrey Bosevile, *Captain* Edward Briggs, *and* John Ellis, *Esquires.*

York City. *For the City of Yorke*, *Sir* Thomas Fairfax, *and sir* Thomas Widrington, *Knights*; Thomas Hodgson, James Hutchinson, *and* John Vaux *Aldermen*; *sir* William Allanson, Thomas Hoyles.

For the Town and County of Kingston upon Hull, *sir* John Hotham *Knight and Baronet*; Thomas Kaikes *Major*, John Hotham *and* Peregrine Pelham *Esquires*; Lancelot Roper, John Bernard, Joshua Hall, Nicholas Denman, *and* William Fapple, *Gentlemen.*

Gloucester. *For the Countie of Gloucester, and the County of the City of Gloucester*, *sir* Robert Cook *Knight*; Nathaniel Stephens, John George, Edward Stephens, John Stephens, *Esquires*; *and* Thomas Pury *Alderman*; *sir* John Seymour *Knight*; Thomas Hodges, John Caddrington, *Esquires.*

Bristoll. *For the City of Bristol*, Richard Alworth *Major* Joseph Jackson *and* Hugh Browne, *Sheriffs*; Richard Halworthy *Alderman*, Luke Hodges *and* Henry Gibbs.

Hampshire. *For the Countie of Southampton, and the Town and County of Southampton, and the Isle of Wight*, *sir* Henry Worsley, *sir* William Lewis, *Baronets*; *sir* Thomas Jervois, *sir* William Lisle, *sir* John Leigh, *sir* Henry Clerke, *sir* John Compton, *sir* Richard Kingsmill *Knights*; Robert Dillington, Robert Wallop, Richard

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Whitehad, Richard Norton, John Doddington, Richard Jervois, John Lisle, John Button, Edward Hopper, John Bulkley, Thomas Clerk, John Kemp, Richard Major, Francis Saint-Barbe, Nicholas Love, John Fielder, William Wither, Thomas Chaundler, James Tut, John Pitman, *and* John Hook, *Esquires*; George Gallop, *and* Edward Exon, *Aldermen of Southampton, and the Major of Winchester for the time being.*

For the Countie of Hertford, Charles *Lord Viscount* Cranborn, Robert Cecill *Esquire*; *Sir* John Garrat, *sir* John Reade, *Baronets*; *sir* Thomas Dacres, *sir* William Litton, *sir* John Whitterong, *Knights*; Richard Jennings, Ralph Freeman, William Lemon, Wil. Priestly, John Herdon, Alexander Wilde, Richard Porter, Adam Washington, *Esquires*. *For Saint Albans, the Major for the time being*; John Robtham, Ralph Pemberton, Gravely Norton, *Esquires*. Hertford.

For the county of Hereford, *sir* Robert Harley, *Knight of the Bath*; *sir* Richard Hobton, *Knight*; Walter Kirle, Edward Broughton, Henry Vaughan, *Esquires*. Hereford.

For the City of Hereford, *Sir* Robert Harley, *Knight of the Bath*; Walter Kirle, Richard Hobson, John Flacker, Henry Vaughan.

For the county of Huntington, *sir* Thomas Cotton *Baronet*; *Sir* Jonh Hewit *Knight*; Onslow Winch, Tersil Ioceline, Thomas Templer, Abraham Burrel, Edward Montague *of Hinchingbrooke*, John Castle, Oliver Cromwel, Apollo Bepis, Thomas Cater, *Esquires*. Huntington.

For the county of Kent, *sir* Thomas Walsingham, *sir* Anthony Weldon, *Knights*; *sir* John Sidley, *sir* Edward Hales, *sir* Humphrey Tufton, *sir* Henry Heyman *Knights and Baronets*; *sir* Michael Lewley *Baronet*; *sir* Henry Vane *junior*, *Sir* Edward Scot, *sir* Edward Bois, *sir* William Brook, *sir* Peter Wroth, *sir* George Sands, *sir* John Honywood, *sir* [illegible] Oxenden, *sir* Richard Hadresse, *knights*; Augusten Skiner, Richard Lee, Thomas Silliard Iohn Bois, *junior*; Thomas Blunt, *and* Samuell Short, *Esquires*. Kent.

For the City of Rochester, the Major for the time being, *Sir* Anthony Welden, *sir* William Brooke, *sir* Tho: Walsingham; Richard Lee *Esquire*, *the Major of Tenterden, for the time being*; Will. Bois, Will. James, Mark Dixwell, Hen. Stamford, *Esq*;

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Canterbury. *For the City and Town of Canterbury, the Major for the time being; Sir* William Man *Knight, Sir* Ed. Master *Knight,* John Nut, Thomas Courthope *Esquires,* Avery Savine *Alderman.*

Lancaster. *For the county of Lancaster, Sir* Ralph Ashton, *and Sir* Thom. Stanley *Baronet, sir* Ralph Ashton *of Downham,* Ralph Ashton *of Middleton,* Richard Shuttleworth, Alexander Rigby, John Moore Richard Holland Edward Butterworth, John Bradshaw, Wil. Ashusts, Peter Egerton, George Dodding Nicholas Cunliff, John Starkey, Thomas Birch, *and* Thomas Fell, *Esquires,* Robert Cunliff, Robert Curwen, *and* John Nowell, *Gentlemen.*

Leicester. *For the county of Leicester,* Henry *Lord* Gray *of Ruthin,* Tho. *Lord* Gray *of Groby, sir* Arthur Hasterigg *Baronet, sir* Edward Hartop, *and sir* Thomas Hartop *Knights;* William Hewet, John Bambridge, Peter Temple, George Ashby, Wil. Roberts, Richard Bent, Arthur Stanley, Wil. Danvers, John Goodman, *Esq;*

For the Town of Leicester, Richard Ludham, *now Major;* Wil. Stanley, *Alderman.*

Lincoln. *For the County of Lincoln, sir* John Wray, *Knight and Baronet,*
Lindsey parts *sir* Edward Ascough *Knight, sir* Samuel Oseild *Knight;* John Wray, Willoughby Hickman, Edward Witchort, Edmund Anderson, Edward Rossiter, *and* John Broxholme, *Esquires; sir* William Armyn *Baronet, sir* Hamond Whicott, *Knight, sir* John Brownlow, *sir* Thomas Trollop, *Baronets;* Thomas Hatcher, *sir* Christopher Wray, Thomas Grantham, Thomas Lister, John Archer, *Esq; sir* William Brownlow.

For the parts of Holland, sir Anthony Irby, William Ellis, Joh. Harrington, *Esq; the Major of Boston for the time being,* Thomas Hall, Thomas Welby, Willesby.

For the City of Lincoln, and the Close of Lincoln, the Major for the time being; Thomas Grantham, John Broxhom, *Esq;* Robert Motecroft, William Watson, *and* Steven Dawson, *Aldermen.*

ndon. *For the City of London, and all within the Jurisdiction of the Lord Major; the Lord Major, and the Aldermen, Aldermens Deputies, and Common-council-men of the said City.*

ddlesex. *For the county of Middlesex, sir* Gilbert Gerrard *Baronet, sir* Edward Barkham, *Knight and Baronet; sir* Richard Springall *Bar. sir* John Francklyn *sir* John Hippesley, *sir* Wil. Roberts, *sir* James Harrington, *sir* Robert Wood, *Knights;* Laurence Whitaker,

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Justinian Paget, William Swallow, John Huckfley, Thomas Wilcox, John Moris, Richard Downto, *and* John Smith, *Esqu.*

For the Liberties of Westminster sir Robert Pye, *sir* Wil. Ashton, *sir* John Corbet, *Knights*; John Glyn, John Trenchard, *and* Wil. Wheeler, *Esquires*; John Brigham, George Beverhasset, Anthony Withers, *and* William Barnes, *Gentlemen*; Josias Fendall, William Bell, *Esquires*; Tuckey, Colchester, Steven Higgons. Westminster.

For the County of Norfolk, and the city and county of the city of Norwich, sir Thomas Woodhouse, *sir* John Holland, *Baronet*; *sir* John Pots, *Baronet*; *sir* John Hubbert, *Baronet*; *sir* Miles Hubbert, *sir* Tho. Huggen, *Knights*; John Cook, John Spelman, Philip Beddingfield, Samuel Smith, *the Sheriffs of Norwich, The Bayliffs of Yarmouth*, Thomas Toll, *and* John Percivall of *Lyn*, Thomas Windham, Francis Iermy, Robert Wood, Gregory Causell, Iohn Haughton, Tho. Weld, Martin Sedly, Tho. Sotherton, *Esquires*; *sir* Edmond Mountford, *Knight*; William Hevingham, William Cooke, Robert Rich, *Esquires*; *sir* Rich. Berne, *sir* Isaac Asley, *sir* Iohn Palgrave, *Knights*; *and* Brigg Fountain, John Tooly, *Esq*; Norfolk.

For the county of Northampton, sir Rowland Saint-Iohn, *Knight of the Bath*; *sir* John Norwitch, *Knight*; *Sir* Gilbert Pickering *Baronet*; *sir* Richard Samuel *Knight*; John Crew, John Barnard, Edward Harvey, Edward Farmer, Iohn Norton, Iohn Chappoole, *Esquires*; *sir* Iohn Drayden, *Baronet*; *and* Richard Knightly *Esquire*; *sir* Christopher Yelverton *Knight and Baronet*; Zouch Tate *Esquire*; Philip Holeman, *Esq*; Tho. Pentlow *Esquire*. Northampton

For the Town of Northampton, the Major for the time being; Thomas Martin *and* John Fisher, *Aldermen*.

For the Town of Newcastle, John Blackeston, *Esq*; Newcastle

For the county of Northumberland, sir Iohn Fenwick *Baronet*; *sir* Iohn Dalevel *Knight*; Thomas Middleton, William Shafto, Michael Welden, *and* Henry Ogle, *Esq*; Northumberland.

For the Town of Barwick upon Tweed, John Sleigh *Major*; *sir* Robert Iackson *Knight*; Ralph Salkeld *Esq*; Barwick.

For the County of Nottingham, Francis Peirpoint *Esquire*; *sir* Francis Thornehaugh, *sir* Thomas Hutchinson *Knight*; Francis Thornehaugh, Ioseph Widmerpoole, Robert Reynes, Gilbert Milling- Nottingham.

Millington, *and* John Hutchinson *Esquires*; Francis Molinox, *Knight*; Charles White *and* Henry Ireton, *Esquires*.

For the county of the Town of Nottingham, the Mayor for the time being; James Chadwick *Esq*; Huntington Plumtry *Doctor in Physick*; John James *Alderman, and* John Gregory *Gentleman*.

Oxon. *For the County of Oxon.*

Rutland. *For the County of Rutland, sir* Edward Harrington *Knight*; Evers Armyn, Robert Horsman, John Osborne, Christopher Brown, Robert Horsman *junior, and* Thomas Wair, *Esq*.

Suffolk. *For the county of Suffolke, sir* William Pleyters *Knight and Baronet, Sir* Nathaniel Barnardiston *Knight, Sir* William Spring *Baronet, Sir* Roger North, *sir* Thomas Barnardiston, *Sir* William Soam, *Sir* John Wentworth, *sir* Philip Parker, *Knights*; William Heveningham, Nathaniel Bacon of *Friston*, Nicholas Bacon, Maurice Barrow, William Blois, Henry North, Robert Brewster, Brampton Gourdon, Francis Bacon, Theophilus Vaughan of *Beckles*, William Cage, William Rivic of *Bilson*, Edmund Hervey, John Gourdon, Thomas Cole *Esquires*; John Basse, Francis Brewster, *Gentlemen*; *the Bayliffs of the Town of Ipswich that now are*; John Sicklemer, Richard Puplet, John Aldus, *Gentlemen*; Nathaniel Bacon *of Ipswich. For Saint Edmunds-Bury*, Samuel Moody, Thomas Cole, Chaplin, *the Bayliffs of the Town of Aldborough for the time being*; Thomas Gibbs *Alderman*, Thomas Johnson.

Surrey. *For the Countie of Surrey, sir* Richard Onslow, *sir* William Elliot, *sir* Robert Parkhurst, *Knights*; Nicholas Stoughton, George Evelin *of Wotton*, Henry Weston, Arthur Onslow, *Esq*; *Sir* Ambrose Brown *Baronet*; *Sir* Anthony Vincent *Knight and Baronet*; *Sir* John Dingley, *Sir* Matthew Brand, *Knights*; Edward Sanders, Robert Holman, Robert Houghton, George Evelin, Francis Drake, Thomas Sands, George Myn, William Muscamp, *Esq*; *Sir* John Howland, *and Sir* John Evelyn *Knights*; Robert Goodwin, George Fairwell *and* John Goodwin, *Esq*; Richard Wright *and* Cornelius Cook, *Gentlemen*.

Sussex. *For the Countie of Sussex, Sir* Thomas Pelham *Baronet*, Anthony Stapley, Herbert Morley, Thomas Whitfield, John Baker, Herbert Hay, *Esquires*; Herbert Springate *of the Broyle*; Ralph Cooper, Hall Raveseroft, Edward Apsley, John Downs, William

Cowly

Cowly, Edward Higgons, Thomas Chate, George Oglander, George Simson, John Rushbridge, Thomas Middleton, James, Temple, *Esqrs*; *Captains* Tho. Collin, *Captain* Carleton, *Captain* Everton.

For the County Somerset, sir John Horner, *sir* Thos. Worth, *sir* Geor. Farwell, *Knights*; Clement Walker, Alex. Popham, Edw. Pophame, Wil. Strode, Ric. Cole, Ioh. Harrington, Ioh. Hippesly, Wil. Long, Ioh. Preston, Hen. Henly, Hen. Stamford, John Pym, James Ash, *and* Ioh. Ash, *Esq*; Roger Hill, Geor. Serle, *and* Iesper Chaplyn, *Gentlemen*, Rich. Capel, Wil. Bull, Robert Harbyn, Ioh. Hunt, Rob. Black, *Esquires*; *the Major of Bridgwater that now is.* Somerset.

For the County of Salop, sir Ioh. Corbet *Knight*; Wil. Peirpoint, Ric. Moore, Tho. Witton, Tho. Nichols, Humph. Mackworth, Andrew Flood, *of Aston*, Lancelot Lee, Tho. Hunt, *&* Ioh. Corbet, *Esq.* Salop.

For the city of Lichfield, the Bailiffes of the said city for the time being; *the Sheriff of the said city for the time being*; Mich. Noble, *Esq*: Rich. Drafigate, Rich. Baxter, *and* Tho. Burnes, *Gentlemen.* Lichfield city.

For the County of Stafford, sir Richard Sheffington *Knight*, Richard Poyr, Michael Rydolph, Eward Mainwaring, Matthew Morton, Ioh. Birch, Ralph Rudyard, Michael Low, Michael Noble, *and* Edward Leigh, *Esquires*; *sir* Walter Wortesley, *sir* Edw. Littleton, *sir* William Brereton, *Baronets.* Stafford.

For the County of Warwick, the new Major of the City of Coventry; *sir* Peter Wentworth *Knight of the Bath*, *sir* Edward Peyto *Knight*; Ioh. Hales, Godfrey Boswel, Joh. Barker, Wil. Purefoy, Anthony Staughton, George Abbot, Thomas Boughton, William Colemore, Thomas Basnet, William Iessen, Gamaliel Purefoy, *and* Thomas Willoughby, *Esquires*; *For the county and city of Coventry*, John Barker, Isaac Bromick, *and* Robert Phjlips, *Esquires.* Warwick.

For the County of Wilts, Denzil Hollis, *Esquire*; *sir* Edward Hungerford, *sir* Edward Baynton, *sir* Nevill Poole, *and sir* John Evelyn, *Knights*; Edward Baynton, Edward Tucker, William Wheler, Edward Goddard, Alexander Tistlethwait, *junior*, John White, Edw. Pool, Tho. Moore, Ioh. Ash, *and* Rob. Iennor, *Esq.* Wilts.

For the County of Westmerland, sir Henry Bellingham *Knight and Baronet*, George Gilpin, Edward Wilson, Nicholas Fisher, Tho. Sleddall, Rowland Dawson, *and* Allan Bellingham *Esq*; Rog. Bateman, Ric. Branthwait, Rob. Philipson, Gervase Benson, Geo. Westmerland.

For the County of Worcester, John Wilde, Richard Creswell, Worcester.

Serjeants

Serjeants at Law; Humphry Salway, Edward Dingley, Edward Pit, Thomas Greves, *and* William Jeffreyes, *Esquires.*

Hen. Elsynge Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

April 21, *Anno Dom.* 1643.

IT is this day Ordered by the Commons in Parliament assembled, That if any person, Tenant or other, after notice hereof given by the publication in Print, shall pay unto *William* Archbishop of Canterbury, *Iohn* Archbishop of York, *Thomas* Bishop of Duresme, *Robert* Bishop of Coventry and Litchfield, *Iosiah* Bishop of Norwich, *John* Bishop of Asaph, *Robert* Bishop of Oxon, *William* Bishop of Bath and Wells, *George* Bishop of Hereford, *Matthew* Bishop of Ely, *Godfrey* Bishop of Gloucester, *Iohn* Bishop of Peterborough, *Morgan* Bishop of Landaff, *John* Bishop of Worcester or to any such Bishops, Deans, Deans and Chapters, Prebends, Archdeacons, or any other person or persons, Ecclesiasticall or Temporall, as have raised, or shall raise Armes against the Parliament, or have been, are or shal be in actuall war against the same, or have voluntarily contributed, or shall voluntarily contribute (not being under the power of any part of the Kings Army at the times of such contributing) any Money, Horse, Plate, Arms, Ammunition, or other aid and assistance, for, or towards the maintenance of any Forces raised against the Parliament, or for the opposing of any Force or power raised by the authority of both Houses of Parliament; or for the robbing, spoiling, plundering and destroying of any the Kings Subjects, who have willingly contributed, or yeelded obedience to the commands of both Houses of Parliament, or to such as have joyned or shall joyn in any Oath or Act of Association against the Parliament; or have imposed or shall impose any Tax or Assessement upon his Majesties Subjects, for or towards the maintenance of any Forces against the Parliament, or have or shall use any force or power to leavie the same; any Rents, Profits, Fees, or other advantage or emolument due to them, or any of them, payable or chargeable upon any of their Lands or Offices; that such payment shall be counted as non-payment, and that they shall be liable, and shall pay the same to such as by authority of both Houses of Parliament shall be authorized to receive the same.

Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

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Die Veneris, 14. April. 1643.

IT is this day Ordered by the Commons House of Parliament, That such particular persons of the Committees or Commissioners named and appointed in the several and respective Ordinances of both Houses of Parliament for the raising of Moneys for the service of the Parliament, in any cities, towns, or counties of the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, as shall refuse to joyn, or signe any Warrants, or to meet the rest of the committees or commissioners, or to Act upon the said Ordinances for the service of the Parliament, expressed in the said Ordinances, and shall not be detained by sicknesse, or other inevitable Impediments, shal be reputed and taken as persons ill-affected to the service of the Parliament. And it is further Ordered, That the names of all such persons for refusing or neglecting this service, shall be returned to the House of Commons by the residue of the said committees or commissioners, that thereupon the said House may take order that the said persons Estates shall be seized according to the Ordinance for sequestring and seizing the Estates of Papists and notorious Delinquents.

Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

Die Veneris, 14. April, 1643.

IT is this day Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament, That Sir *Will. Goering* Baronet, Sir *Tho. Parker*, Sir *Tho. Henby*, Sir *Tho. Eversfield*, Knights; *Iohn Alford*, *Henry Goering*, *Thomas Sherley*, *Edward Goering*, *Thomas Challener*, *Henry Shelley*, *Henry Peck*, *Francis Schwyn*, *Herbert Baard*, *Nicholas Gildredge*, *Iohn Baard*, *George Churcher*, *William Hay*, *Hen. Bridger*, *Tho. Anscombe*, *William Marlott*, *Tho. Ieffrey*, *Will. Thomas*, Esquires, be added to the committees named in the Ordinances for the weekly Assessements, and for seizing and sequestring the Estates of Papists, notorious Delinquents, &c. in the county of *Sussex*. And that they shall have as full and ample power to all Intents, as the other Committees named in the said Ordinances have, might or ought to have.

Hen. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

Die Sabbati, 19. August, 1643.

IT is this day Ordered by the House of Commons, That such members of the said House as shall wilfully neglect their service in the House, by departing the Cities of *London* and *Westminster* or otherwise, without particular leave first obtained from the House, shall be reputed and taken in the same condition as those that ought to have their Estates sequestred, and shall have their Estates sequestred accordingly, for deserting the service of the common-wealth in the time of imminent danger.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

October 22. Anno Dom. 1643.

A Declaration and Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the better preventing of Spies and Intelligencers, &c.

WHereas by the frequent intercourse of persons and intelligence (contrary to the use and custom of War) between the Cities of *London* and *Westminster* and other parts of the Kingdome, and the persons of the King and Queen, and Forces raised by the King against the Parliament and Kingdom; opportunity hath been given for the plotting and contriving the late treacherous and horrid Designe: and in case the said Intercourse and Intelligence should continue, the same will still be open for any other of the like nature in time to come: As also for the frequent conveying of Moneys and other provision for the supporting of this unnatural War. For the preventing whereof, Be it Declared and ordained by the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament, That no person or persons whatsoever shall from henceforth repair or go from the said Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, or from any other part of the Kingdom, unto the Person of the King or Queen, or Lords of Councell abiding with him

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action, or to any person or persons within any of the Kings Quarters, Leaguers or Garrisons, or that are within any of the Armies raised by the King; nor shall give or hold any intelligence by Letters, Messengers, or otherwise, with the Persons of the King and Queene, or other persons aforesaid, without consent of both Houses of Parliament, or Warrant from the Lord Generall of the Forces raised by the two Houses, or from the respective Officers that shall command in chief any of the Forces. And the said Lords and Commons do further declare, That the person or persons who shall do to the contrary thereof, shall be proceeded against as those within the Ordinance for Sequestration; and shall be further accounted as persons that do adhere unto those that have levied War against the Parliament & Kingdom, and be liable to the same punishment. And be it further Declared and Ordained, for the better and more effectual execution of the premises, That the person or persons that shall discover any of the offences & persons offending as aforesaid, shall have one fifth part of all such benefits and profits that shall accrue or grow by reason of the seizing and sequestring of their Estates according to the true intent and meaning of this Ordinance, and of the said Ordinance of Sequestration. And in case any person or persons after the Last of *June*, having knowledge of the said offenders & offences, shall not within convenient time reveal the same unto the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament, or to the Lord Generall, or other Officers commanding in chief, the said person or persons shall incur the like penalties and forfeitures as are herein provided against the said principall offenders.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. Dom. Com.

INSTRUCTIONS for the Committees for Sequestration of Delinquents Estates.

First, you are to use your best care and diligence for the speedy execution of the Ordinance herewith sent you for the Sequestration of Delinquents Estates, as being a matter of great necessity and importance, for the subsistence of the Army raised by the Parliament, and great affairs of the Common-wealth,

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2. You are to cause the same Ordinance, and the other Order for restraining the Tenants and others from paying their Rents and other dues to the said Delinquents, to be forthwith published in all Markets and other convenient places within your severall counties and divisions.

3. You are to meet, and divide your selves into severall limits, and to appoint some times and places of further meeting as shall be most convenient, and to call before you, or any two or more of you at such meetings, all such Officers and other persons as you shall think fit, and give them in charge the effect of the said Ordinance, and thereby, and by all good ways and means to enquire and inform your selves of all the particulars therein contained; and where you finde any doubt concerning any persons, whether he be comprehended within the said Ordinance, you are to certifie the same to the committee of Lords and Commons for this service, and in the mean time to secure the Estates of such persons, untill you shall receive further directions.

4. Where (after these words in the Ordinance; *Such as have voluntarily contributed, or shall voluntarily contribute*) these words follow; viz. *Not being under the power of any part of the Kings Army at the time of such contributing*; you are not to understand those later words of such as have willingly drawn, or consented to the drawing in of any such power, or have willingly submitted themselves thereunto.

5. You are to call before you the severall Tenants and other persons by whom any Rents, Sums of money, Debts, or other duties are owing to the said Delinquents or any of them, and set them a day for payment thereof; and to such Tenants as shall willingly yeeld conformitie to the said Ordinance, you shall abate so much to their Rack-rents, where the Lands are set at an improved value, and not otherwise, as you shall think fit, according to their severall conditions and necessities, not exceeding a fourth part of such improved Rents.

6. You are to seize two parts of the Estates both real and personall of all Papists (as they are Papists) and the whole estates of all other sorts of Delinquents mentioned in the said Ordinance, whether they be Papists or others; and you are to understand by two parts of Papists Estates, two of their whole Lands; and two of their goods and personall estate in three to be divided.

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7. Upon the seizure of the goods, chattels, or personall estates of any the said Delinquents, you are to cause an Appraisement thereof to be made by indifferent persons, and a true Inventory thereof to be taken; and to convey the same goods into some safe place or places within the county or elsewhere, there to be kept until they may conveniently be sold; and you are to sel the same, and cause them to be sold at as great rates as you can, withall convenient expedition, and in the Market where conveniently it may be.

8. You have power to let all or any the Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments of any the said Delinquents from yeer to yeer, to such Tenants as you shall think fit, and for such reasonable Rents as you can get, unlesse you can otherwise employ the same to better advantage.

9. You are to appoint collectors for the receiving of all Rents, Profits, Sums of money, Debts and other duties due or owing to the said Delinquents or any of them, allotting the estate of any one or more of the said Delinquents to the charge of one or more collector or collectors, as shall be most convenient; and the said collectors are to send up the sums by them collected, together with a Schedule of the receipts and payments, (keeping a duplicate thereof) to the Treasurers which shall be appointed by both Houses for that service; wherein the said collectors, or such as they shall send up the money by, are first to attend the said committee of Lords and Commons for their directions herein, and to be very carefull in the safe conveying of the said Money.

10. Every collector is to have such allowance for his pains and charges as you shall think fit, not exceeding three pence in every pound; and every one that shall be appointed a Sollicitor by the said Lords and Commons to see this Ordinance put in execution is to have for his charges and pains therein, six pence in every pound; and every other person which shall be necessarily employed in or about the said service, is to have such allowance as you, or any two of you, or more, shal think fit; & your selves are to be allowed such recompence for your charge and pains in this service as shall be approved of by the committee of Lords & Commons.

11. You are to keep Books and Registers of all such Moneys, Receipts, Profits, and other part of the said Delinquents Estates as shall come to your hands, and of all your Receipts and Payments

ments, and to be accountable for the same to both Houses of Parliament, or such as they shall appoint.

12. You are to take care for the safe keeping of the Deeds, Evidences and Writings of the said Delinquents, and for preserving of their houses, timber-trees and fruit-trees from waste and destruction.

13. In all other particulars concerning this businesse, you are to be guided and directed by the said Ordinance; wherein you shall conceive any doubt, you are to certifie the same to the Committee of the Lords and Commons for this service, whereupon you shall receive such further direction in that behalf as shall be fit.

Die Iovis, 30. *Novemb.* 1643.

WHereas divers persons have been assessed upon the Ordinances of Parliament for the twentieth part, weekly Assessements, Subsidies, and other Payments: many of which have refractorily & wilfully suffered the days for payment of the sums assessed to be elapsed, and covertly conveyed away their goods from their houses, and absented their persons, to avoid payment for their Assessements; or else have suffered imprisonment, and their houses to stand empty, whereby they might be free from bearing part of these common Taxes and Charges which the necessities for these troublous times require: For remedy whereof, and better satisfaction of the sums assessed on such persons; It is this day Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, That such persons as shall be appointed by the Committee of Money and other necessaries for the Army, shall have power to let, set, or rent forth, to such persons, and for such time, Fine, and Rent, as they shall think fit, the houses of any persons, who are already imprisoned for their Assesements, or absent themselves for non-payment of their Assesments; and the Moneys raised by the Rents of the said houses, to convert and employ towards satisfaction of the same Assesments and Payments: And that such persons as shall take the same houses, shall discharge the head Rents due to be paid for such houses, as also the duties to the Parish during their abode in the same: and the persons so taking and leasing the said houses, shal be saved harmelesse and indempnified against the persons imprisoned, or absenting themselves as aforesaid, by the power and authority of both Houses of Parliament.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament, for Explanation and further Enlargement of an Ordinance for Sequestration of Delinquents Estates.

FOr Explanation and enlargement of an Ordinance lately made by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, For seizing and sequestring the Estates both Reall and Personall of certaine kinds of notorious delinquents.

Be it now declared and Ordained by the said Lords and Commons assembled, That in the number of such delinquents and Papists, who shall come within the compasse of the said former Ordinance, and to all intents and purposes to be proceeded against as notorious delinquents or Papists, expressly described in the said Ordinances, shall be reckoned and accounted, all such as voluntarily absenting themselves from the usuall places of their abodes or dwellings, Trade, Offices, or Imployments, and have gone, or shall goe to any of the Kings Armies, or other forces raised without consent of both Houses of Parliament, and have there continued, or shall there continue, and shall not within ten daies after seizure or sequestration of their severall goods or estates, or stay made of their rents by force of the said Ordinance (which said sequestrators are hereby required to do) shew sufficient cause (to be allowed by the Committee of the County City or place in which the said seizure or sequestration, or stay of Rents, is or shall be made) of such their absence, going and continuing in any of the said Armies or forces: And all such as shall fraudulently imbezill, conceale or convey away, all or any part of their goods, money, or estate

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without valuable consideration; or not *bona fide*, thereby preventing or avoyding the payment of any Taxes or Assessments laid upon them by any Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, or any distresse or Seizure in case of *non* payment thereof; or that after any such Tax or Assessments laid on them, convey themselves away, or refuse to be spoken with, whereby any Tax or Assessment laid upon them by Ordinance of both houses of Parliament cannot be executed upon them or their estates, according to the true meaning and purport thereof: or that have had any hand in the late horrid and desperate Conspiracy and Treason of *Waller*, *Tomkins*, *Challinor*, and their Confederates, whether they be already or hereafter shall be convicted to be privy or consenting thereunto (except such as being not yet convicted shall discover & confesse all that they know therof, within the time limited by both houses of Parliament, to such person or persons as are or shalbe apointed to take such discoveries & confessions) or that shall sue or molest any person or persons who shall have yeilded obedience or conformity unto the Orders, Ordinances or Commands of both houses of Parliament, or have been or shalbe imployed by authority of both the said houses, for or by reason of any thing done, or to be done, in execution or performance therof: or that have willingly harboured any popish Priests or Jesuits in their houses or dwellings, since the 29 of November 1642 or that shall hereafter so harbour any: And all and every person or persons which at any time heretofore have been convicted of popish Recusancy, and so continue, or that have beene or shall be thereof Indicted, and such their Indictments removed by *Certiorary*, or being not removed shall not by appearance and Traverse be legally discharged

ed, before Seizure or Sequestration made of their goods or estates, or stay of their Rents, by force of this, or the said former Ordinance, or that have been at Masse, at any time within one whole yeare before the 26 day of March 1643 or shall hereafter be at Masse; or whose Children or Grand-Children, or any of them living in house with them, or under their or any of their Tuition and Government, shall be brought up in the Popish Religion.

And all such persons as being of the age of twenty one years, or above, shall refuse to take the Oath hereafter expressed; Which Oath any two or more of the said Committees for Sequestration, in every County City or place respectively, or any two Justices of the peace, or the Major, Bailiffs, or other head Officer of any City or Town Corporate, shall have power to administer to any such person or persons; The Tenour of which Oath followeth *in hæc verba.* viz.

The Oath.

I A.B. *do abjure and renounce the Popes Supremacie & Authority over the Catholike Church in generall, and over my selfe in particular; And I do beleive that there is not any Transubstantiation in the sacrament of the lords supper, or in the Elements of bread and wine after Consecration thereof by any person whatsoever; And I do also beleive, that there is not any purgatory; And that the Consecrated Hoast, Crucifixes, or Images, ought not to be worshipped, neither that any worship is due unto any of them; And I also beleive, that salvation cannot be merited by workes. And all doctrines in affirmation of the said points I do abjure and renounce, without any Equivocation mentall reservation, or secret evasion whatsoever, taking the words by me spoken, according to the common and usuall meaning of them.* So help me God.

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Shall forfeit as Papists within this and the said former Ordinances, and seizure and sequestration of two third parts of all their goods and estates reall and personall, and sale of such proportion of their goods so seized and sequestred, shall be made, and their rents and estates disposed of, in such maner and proportion, and by such persons as by the said Ordinance of Sequestrations is appointed for Papists.

And for the better discovery of such Delinquents and Papists, in this and the said further Ordinance described, and of their estates; Be it further Ordained, by the said Lords and Commons, that over and besides the former power given by the said Ordinance of Sequestration to the persons trusted and imployed in the said service, the said Committees for Sequestrations, or any two or more of them respectively, shall have power further hereby, to examine by Oath or otherwise, all and every person or persons (other then the parties themselves so declared to be Delinquents) that probably may be able to discover such Delinquents and Papists, or that may be trusted with, or privy to the keeping or concealing of the goods or estates of any such Delinquent or Papist, or that shall owe any thing to any such Delinquent or Papist; and such as shall refuse so to be examined, or to declare the whole truth therin, so farre as he shall be so required, shall be committed to safe custody by the said Committee, or any two or more of them, imployed for their examinations, till he or they shall conforme him, her, or themselves.

And that such person or persons as shall first finde out and discover to one or both Houses of Parliament, or to any Committee authorized for this service, or to any of their

their Agents or Officers, any such Moneys, Goods, Debts, or Estates (if the same be imbezilled, cloyned, concealed, or conveyed away as aforesaid) shall doe therein an acceptable service to the Common-wealth, and shall have and receive for his pains therein, twelve pence in every twenty shillings, so discovered after seizure or sale thereof made, and receipt of the Money arising thereupon, or out of the Rents or Estate so discovered, the same to be paid unto him by the respective Committees or Treasurers trusted with the Moneys that shall be received upon the sale or proceed thereof, without any further or other Warrant, and shall further receive such other reward for his extraordinary service therein, as by the said Lords and Commons shall be further appointed and Ordered. And for the more speedy and effectuall seizure, and obtaining possession of all such Debts, Goods, and Estates as aforesaid, discovered, or to be discovered.

It is further Ordained, That over and besides the Power given by the said former Ordinance for sequestration, the severall and respective Committees, appointed for this service, or any two or more of them, shall hereby have power to authorize their severall Collectors, and Agents imployed herein, to breake open all Locks, Bolts, Barrs, Doores, or other strength whatsoever, where any such Estates, Moneys or Goods, are or shall be, upon probable grounds made appeare to the said Committees, or any two of them, and by them allowed in writing under their hands, to be provided that some or one of the said Committee, or the Solicitor or Constable, or some other knowne Officer of that County or Place, and one other person or persons of credit and

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trust, be present at the doing thereof; And be it further Ordained, that an exact Inventory, subscribed by all their hands, be taken of all particulars whatsoever which shall be seized by vertue of these Ordinances: and one part of the said Inventory in writeing so subscribed, delivered to the owner or owners of the said Money, Goods, or Estates, or other things so Inventoried, or to some person trusted with the keeping thereof. And that where any Rents, Debts, or Estate, pertaining to any Delinquent or Papist within this or the said former Ordinance for Sequestration shall be found due, and the Debtor refuseth or neglecteth to pay the same, upon any pretence whatsoever, reasonable time being given to provide it, after it become payable, and demand thereof made; the said Committees, their Collectors or other Agents whom they shall authorize thereunto under their hands in writing, shall hereby have power to distraine, Seize, carry away, and sell so much of the Goods and Estate of every such person so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid, as may fully sattisfie the said Rents or other Debts, together with all charges of Seizure, removall and sale of Goods for satisfaction of the said Rents or Debts: And if any person or persons shall stand out, or forbeare to make payment of any summe or summes of money which he or they ought to pay by vertue of this or any other Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament whatsoever, made for the raising of Moneys untill a distresse be taken for the same, That then he or they so standing out or forbearing, shall pay such double charges for all such Seizures, Removall, and sale of their Goods, as the Committee or any two or more of them respectively shall allow or appoint; the same to be leavied and taken

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out of the Goods and Estates of such persons so standing out or forbearing, by such as shall be imployed to distrain for, and seize the principall summe. And if any person or persons shall undertake for the forthcomeing of any Goods or Estate at any time seized, by force of this or the said former Ordinance, all and every the said Goods or Estate shall be particularly Inventoried, and the Inventorie thereof signed and subscribed by three or more persons of credit, had after given into the Committee, under whom the persons making the seizure shall be imployed; And if it shall after happen that any of the said Goods or Estate be imbezilled, or wanting, or be denied, or refused or not delivered to the said respective Committee or to their Collectors, requireing the same by Order of the said Committee, or any two or more of them respectively, that then the said Committee or such as they shall authorize thereunto, shall have power to seize, carry away, and sell so much of such undertakers Goods or personall Estate, and profits of his Lands and Tenements, as may fully satisfie for the Goods or Estate so wanting, imbezilled, or not delivered, and also so much double charges for the seizure, carriage, and sale of the said undertakers Goods or Estate so to be seized and sold, as the said Committees or any two or more of them shall allow.

And for the better inabling of the said severall Committees and their Agents to make sale of all such Goods and Estates as are and shall be by them seized, and are appointed to be sold by this or the said former Ordinance.

It is further Declared and Ordained, that after the apportioning and setting out of some necessary maintenance (if it be desired) for the wives and children of such Delinquents whose goods and estates are and shall be seized

zed (which allowance or maintenance the said severall and respective Committees or any two or more of them respectively, shall hereby have power to make, so as they allow not the wife and children of one Delinquent above one fifth of his Goods and Estate so seized) they shall authorize and require their Collectors & Agents to make sale of the residue or remainder of the said Goods by the Candle, for ready Moneys to be paid at the delivery of the Goods so sold, within tenne daies after the seizure thereof, giving notice of the said sale in writing, upon some posts or walles in the most open and eminent places neere the place of sale, two daies before the said sale, due appraisement being first made thereof by two skilfull appraisors, being men of some quallity, and knowne integrity, from time to time to be chosen with the advice of the Sollicitor for sequestrations, by the Committee trusted with the seizure and sale of the said goods: which appraisement shall be made in the presence of some of the said Committee, Sollicitor, or Treasurer of the same County, City, or place respectively, and not otherwise. And for the more speedy dispatch hereof, it is further ordained, that the Committee of Lords and Commons for sequestrations shall receive no information against the particular Committee of any County, City or place for sequestration in any cause of this kinde, till the matter hath first beene certified under the hands of two or more of the said respective Committees, by whose Agents and Ministers the goods or estate of the Delinquent were seized: Or in case the said Committees refuse to certify the speciall matter, or that otherwise Certificate cannot be had. And be it ordained, that honest, able, and sufficient Collectors be appointed in every County, City, and place for

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this service; and their neglects or defaults be certified to the Houses, or to the Committee of Lords and Commons for sequestrations.

And that all and every person and persons, who shall be imployed in this service, or shall do any thing in pursuance of this or the said former Ordinance for Sequestrations, shall therein have the Protection of both Houses of Parliament for their Indempnity, and be held and esteemed as persons doing an acceptable service to the Common-wealth.

And it is further Ordained, That every Collector within every County, City and place respectively, who shall receive any moneys in kinde, or make sale of any goods, shall deliver the moneys so received or raised by sales, to the Committee for Sequestrations within the said County, City or Place, where such moneys shall be received, or to such Treasurer as they shall appoint, or other person authorized to receive the same within seven dayes next after the said Collectors receipt thereof, upon pain of forfeiture of twelve pence for every twenty shillings received or levied by sale as aforesaid, and remaining in his or their hands, which Committee or Treasurer shall take order for the safe sending of all and every sum so received to the Treasurer at Guild-Hall in *London*, appointed for this purpose, Monethly, or more often, as they shall be thereunto required by the said Treasurer at Guild-Hall, or by the said Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestrations, or by the Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of moneys; and that the several Committees, Colectors and Treasurers respectively, shall have power to give Acquittances and discharges for the several sums by them received, which

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shall be sufficient discharges to the parties concerned in that behalf.

And it is further Ordained and Declared, That Master *Hobson*, Master *Benardiston*, Master *Hill*, and Master *Samuel Avery*, Citizens of *London*, shall be and are hereby appointed and authorized to be Treasurers at Guild-Hall *London*, to receive all moneys raised and to be raised upon or by vertue of this, or the said former Ordinance for sequestrations, and shall make entries thereof in fair Books to be provided for that purpose, as also of the Names of the persons from whom, and the time when they receive the same, and of their disbursments & payments out, for which their pains and service, they shall have three pence in every pound, which they shal so receive to be debated out of the said sums received.

And it is further Ordained, That no Treasurers trusted with any part of the said moneys, shall issue out any of the said moneys by way of payment, loan, or otherwise, (except as in this Ordinance is appointed) otherwise then and in such manner as is directed by former Ordinance for issuing out of moneys; And for the more exact and perfect keeping of all accompes touching the premises, It is yet further Ordained, That every Collector shall from time to time, make and keep a sure and perfect Inventory of all and every the moneys, goods and estates by him seized, another of the sale or other disposal thereof; both of which shall be subscribed under the hands of two or more persons of credit that were present at the said seizures or sales, besides his own, and that he make and ingrosse a Duplicate thereof in parchment fairly written, one part whereof he shall leave with the particular Committee, under which he is employed; and

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the other part after examination thereof, he shall deliver to the Sollicitor for that place, who shall transmit the same to the Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of money, subscribed by the said Sollicitor, and Collector, and two of the said particular Committee of the place from whence it is transmitted, all which Accounts and Duplicats shall be made and sent up to *London*, in such maner, and so often as the said Committee of Lords and Commons for advance of money, shall from time to time order and appoint: Provided alwayes, and be it Ordained, That it shall be lawful for the respective Committees for Sequestrations, or any two or more of them to accept of ready money for the goods of the said Delinquents or Papists, or any of them which shall or are to be seized according to the value thereof, in lieu and satisfaction of the said goods, and thereupon the seizure and Sequestration, as to the same, to be discharged.

And be it Ordained, That if any person shall wittingly or willingly conceal and harbour any of the goods of any Delinquents within this or the said former Ordinance (he knowing such person to be a Delinquent) that then such persons shall forfeit treble the value thereof, to be levied upon his or their goods and estates, by the said respective Committee or Sequestrators, or any two or more of them, or their Agents, to the uses appointed by the said Ordinances for delinquents Estates.

19 Aug. 1643.

Ordered by the Commons in Parliament, That this Ordinance be forthwith Printed and Published.

H. Elsynge, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

An Ordinance for the due and orderly receiving and collecting of the Kings, Queens, and Princes Revenue, and the Arrerages thereof, 21. *September*. 1643.

THe Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, taking into their serious considerations, the many heavy pressures and most grievous calamities which now lie upon this Kingdom by this bloody and unnatural war raised against the Parliament; and that notwithstanding all their faithful and constant endeavours for the preserving of his Majesty and the whole Kingdom, from the most cruel and endlesse designes of Papists, Delinquents, and ill-affected persons; yet their counsels and practises are still so prevalent with his Majesty, and the hearts of many people so misled and beguiled by their false pretences, and specious insinuations, that nothing can be expected but the extirpation and final subversion of our Religion, Laws and Liberties, unlesse God of his infinite mercy prevent, and incline his Majesties heart to the faithful advice of his great Council of Parliament, which hath ever been and is (under God) the chief support of his royal Crown and dignity, and the security of all that we have or can enjoy; and for that it is found by woful experience, that divers ill affected persons, by pretence of his Majesties authority, have and do still dayly seize upon divers and sundry great sums of money, raised and collected in divers parts of this Kingdom by Acts and Ordinances of Parliament, for the relief of the poor distressed Protestants in *Ireland*, the suppressing and subduing of those most barbarous and bloody Rebels, and for the defence of this Kingdom and Parliament, and do divert and employ the same, and likewise his Majesties revenue, and all other monies of the well-affected persons whatsoever, by rapine or violence they can lay hands on, to the fomenting, nourishing, and maintaining of these miserable distractions and unnatural war: And the Lords and Commons omitting no opportunity, nor neglecting any fitting means which they conceived might divert the sad War here, so violently pressed forwards by Papists, Delinquents,

Delinquents, all affected persons, and the Rebels in *Ireland*, did formerly ordain, that the officers of the receipt, Court of Wards and Liveries, Receivers, and others, should not repair unto *Oxford*, but attend their service here in the usual places; yet in contempt of the same and other Ordinances, some Officers are gone to *Oxford*, divers convey sundry sums of money thither, and others neglect their service to the great prejudice and disservice of the Common-wealth: And to the intent that his Majesties Revenue might no more be misapplied, and that the same may be imployed for the good of His Majesty, and the Common-wealth, The Lords and Commons therefore do Ordain, and be it Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that all his Majesties, the Queens, and Princes Revenue, of what nature or kinde soever, certain, or casual within the view or survey of the Court of Exchequer, Court of Wards and Liveries, Dutchy of *Lancaster*, Dutchy of *Cornwal*, or in any other Court or Jurisdiction whatsoever, within this Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Port and Town of *Berwick*, together with all the arrears thereof, and all other debts and sums of money whatsoever, any way due to his Majesty, the Queen or Prince, shall be seized upon and received by the persons hereafter named, or such others as at any time hereafter shall be appointed, and nominated by the Committee for the Revenue, which said persons or receivers in each several County or Counties, Cities or places for which they are or shall be appointed respectively, are hereby authorised and required by themselves, their agents and deputies, to take and seize into their hands and custodies all and every his Majesties, the Queens, and Princes Honours, Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Rents, arrearages of Rents, Revenues, and profits whatsoever, within the said Realm of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Port and Town of *Berwick*, and to let, set, and demise the same, or any part thereof, from year to year; and shall have power to call before them all Stewards, Auditors, Receivers, Bailiffs, Collectors, or any other Officer or Officers whatsoever, and to send for, or take any books of accounts, rentals, copies of Court-roll, or any other writings, touching the premisses; and thereby and by

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all other wayes and means which to them shall seem most fit and necessary to inform themselves of the said revenues, Debts, and arrears thereof, and of all things concerning the same, and to appoint any subordinate Officer, or Officers, and Ministers under them for the better expediting of this service, which said subordinate Officers and Ministers are hereby authorized, and enjoyned to perform and execute all and every their commands respectively, in and concerning the premises; and shall have such allowance for their pains and charges in that behalf, as the respective persons or receivers appointed for the several Counties, Cities, or places, shall think fit, the same being approved of by the Committee for the Revenue: And that all such Stewards, Auditors, Receivers, Bailiffs, Collectors, or any other Officer, or Officers whatsoever, which have not submitted themselves to the commands and directions of any former Ordinance of Parliament, or to the Committee for the Revenues; and likewise all other such Officers which shall not yeeld obedience to this Ordinance of Parliament, or to the Committee for the Revenue, shall stand sequestred from their several Offices respectively, and from the receiving and enjoying any profit or benefit of or for the same: And the Committee for the Revenue, or any five shall have power and are hereby authorized to nominate and appoint other meet, fit and trusty persons to supply and execute those Offices and places which are or shall be sequestred as aforesaid: And the said Persons or Receivers nominated or to be nominated, as aforesaid, their Agents and Deputies within their several limits respectively, shall have power, and are hereby authorized and required to enter into all and every His Majesties, the Queens, and the Princes Honors, Mannors, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Courts and Offices, and to receive such Rents, arrerages of Rents, Herriots, Issues, Profits, sums of Money, Debts, and other duties, as are or shall be due and payable for or out of the same: And the Fee-farmers, Farmers, and the Tenants thereof, Officers and all others are required to pay the same accordingly, to the said Persons or Receivers, or to such other Officers or Receivers as shall be thereunto appointed by vertue, and according to the direction

direction of this Ordinance; and to no other person whatsoever. And the said Fee-farmers, Farmers Tenants, and all others which shall pay any Rent, sum of Money, or other thing, according to this Ordinance, shall be protected and saved harmlesse from any forfeiture, penalty, or damage, which he or they may incur by not payment of his or their said Rent, sum of Money or other thing, according to his or their Grant Lease, Copy, or other agreement by the power and authority of both Houses of Parliament. And if any Sheriff, Receiver, Collector, any other Officer, or any Court whatsoever, shall refuse to pay the Moneys from time to time, remaining in their hands, any Fee-farmer, Farmer, or Tenant shall refuse to pay his or their Rents; or any other shall refuse to pay their particular Debts to the hands of the said persons or Receivers in the several and respective Counties, Cities, and places, at such times as the same shall become due and payable, or to the Receiver-general hereby appointed, then the said Persons or Receivers for the several Counties, Cities, and places, shall have power to distrain for the same, and to take all other advantages for non-payment thereof, as His Majesty, the Queen, and Prince, their Officers or Ministers might have done, and they shall have power to sue for, and receive any debt, sum of money, or other duty owing to His Majesty, the Queen or Prince, by any person whatsoever, and also to give discharges and acquittances for any Rent, sum of Money, Debts, Duty, or other thing, which they shall receive by vertue of this Ordinance, and shall be accompteable from time to time for the same, and for all such other things as shall be had, received, or taken by them, their Agents, or Deputies, and for all their receipts and payments, and other Acts for or in respect of the premisses, to the Committee for the revenue, or to such as they shall appoint, and shall pay in from time to time, all such sums of money as they or any of them shall receive by vertue of this Ordinance, unto *Thomas Fauconbridge* Esquire at *Westminster* (who is hereby constituted and appointed Receiver-general of all such sums of Money as shall be received or raised by vertue of this Ordinance) and shall be from time to time subject to the further Orders and Directions

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of the Committee for the Revenue; and the acquittances of the said Receiver-General, and of the said Persons or Receivers in the several Counties, Cities and places, Courts and Offices respectively, shall be as good and sufficient discharge for the sums of Money therein contained, as if the same were paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer, or into any other usual Court or place. And the Barons of the Exchequer, and all other Officers and Ministers of the same, and other Courts and places respectively, are hereby required and authorised to give full allowances thereof, and thereupon to make forth *quietus est*, and other discharges, according to the course and custome of the several Courts and places. And the said persons or Receivers, their Agents and Deputies, shall have power to call to their ayd and assistance the Trained Bands, Voluntiers, or other Forces, and any other Officer or Minister of Iustice, of or within their several Counties, Cities or Places respectively, or any other person or persons dwelling in or neer the place to compel obedience to this Ordinance, where any resistance shall be made, or as oft as need shall require, and shall have power to punish such person or persons as they shall finde refractory, negligent, or faulty in the said service by fine and imprisonment, such fine not exceeding the sum of twenty pounds, or to certifie their names to the Committee for the Revenue, who shall have power to send for them or any of them, and commit them to such prisons and places, as they shall think fit, until they shall conform themselves to this present Ordinance of Parliament. And the said Trained Bands, Voluntiers and other Forces, their Commanders and Officers; and also the several Constables, Headboroughs, and other Officers and persons within their several and respective limits, are hereby required and enjoyned to be ayding and assisting to the said persons or Receivers, their Agents and Deputies, as oft as they shall be hereunto required.

And it is further Ordained and Declared by the said Lords and Commons, That all and every the said Revenues, Rents, Profits, Debts, and sums of Money whatsoever, shall be imployed to and for such uses and services as are or shall be directed by the Committee for the Revenue.

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And it is likewise further ordained, That all and every the said persons or Receivers, Receiver-Generall, Auditors, and other Officers and Ministers imployed in this service by the Committee for the Revenue, or any five of them, shall have such allowances for their necessary charges and paines in and about the premises, as the said Committee shall think fit; and that as well they as all others who shall be imployed in the said service, or shall doe any thing in execution or performance of this Ordinance, shall be therein protected and saved harmelesse, by the power and authority of both the said Houses

And lastly, it is Ordained, That the said Committee for the Revenue, or any five of them, shall have power, and be hereby enabled to doe and execute any other Act or Acts, thing or things, they shall thinke fit, for the better and more speedy collecting, leavying, advancing, and receiving of all and every the said Revenues, Debts, and summes of money before mentioned.

Provided and be it further Ordained, That all and singular such revenues, rents, issues, fees, profits, and summes of money, and allowances whatsoever, as have heretofore been and now ought to be paid and disposed unto or for the maintenance of any Colledge or Hospitall (whose revenues, or any part thereof, have not been imployed for maintenance of the Warre against the Parliament) Grammar School, or Schollars, or for, or towards the reparation of any Church, Chappell, Highway, Cawsey, Bridge, School-house, or other charitable use, which are chargeable upon, or ought to issue out of, or be paid, for or in respect of any the Honours, Mannors, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, Revenues, or profits aforesaid, shall be and continue to be paid, disposed, and allowed of, as they were and have been heretofore.

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18. November. 1643.

An Ordinance for the preservation and keeping together for Publique use, such Books, Evidences, Records and Writings, Sequestred, or taken by distresse or otherwise, as are fit to be so preserved.

WHereas by the several Ordinances for sequestrations and others, there have been, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, Sequestred and taken by distresse (among other goods) divers manuscripts or written books, Proceedings of Courts, Evidences of Lands, Rentals, Accompt books, and other kinds of writings and written papers and parchments, as also some whole Libraries, and choice collections of printed books of several arts and faculties; the dispersing of which by sale or otherwise, may be much more disadvantagious and prejudicial to the publique (both for the present and to posterity) and also to divers particular persons well affected to the parliament, then the benefit of their sale can any wayes recompence.

The Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled, taking the premises into consideration, doe hereby Ordain and command, that no Committees or committee for sequestrations or distresses, in or of either of the places aforesaid, or any Officers under them imployed, shall or may make sale of, or otherwise disperse or dispose of any such Manuscripts or written books, Proceedings of Courts, Evidences of Lands, Rentals, Accompt books, or other kinde of writings or written papers or parchments heretofore sequestred or taken by distresse, or hereafter to be sequestred or taken by distresse, by Authority of any of the said Ordinances, but that they and every of them respectively, shall from time to time deliver the same into the hands and care of *Algernon* Earle of *Northumberland*, *Theophilus* Earle of *Lincoln*, and *William* Lord Viscount *Say* and *Seal*, *John Selden* Esquire,

Esquire, *Francis Rous* Esq; Sir *Simonds D'Ewes* Knight and Baronet, *Samuel Browne* Esquire, *Edmund Prideaux* Esquire, *Gilbert Millington* Esquire, *Roger Hill* Esquire, *Walter Young*, Esquire, Members of the house of Commons, or any two of them who are to Inventory the same, and leave, or put and dispose them in some such safe place or places as they shall thinke fit and convenient for their custody, there to remaine for such publique or other use, as to the Houses of Parliament shall seem most meet and reasonable. And that the said Committees and Officers respectively shall deliver all and every such whole Libraries nd choise collections of printed Books (heretofore as aforesaid sequestred or taken by distresse, or hereafter to be sequestred or taken by distresse) as the persons afore-named or any two of them shall signifie under their hands, and direct to be preserved from sale, and from being otherwise dispersed, and to be kept for publique use, into the hands and care of the said persons or any two of them, who are likewise to Inventory the same, and leave or put and dispose them in such safe place or Places as they shall think fit and convenient: there to remaine likewise for such publique or other use as to the Houses of Parliament shall seeme most meet and reasonable.

Provided nevertheless, and it is further hereby Ordained, that both the printed Books and manuscripts, and all other writings or written Papers or Parchments, sequestred or taken by distresse, or which may hereafter be sequestred or taken by distresse, or shall be subject to sequestration or distresse, in any of the foure Innes of Court (*viz:*) The *Inner* and *middle Temple*, *Greys Inne* and *Lincolns Inne* or any other society of law, shall be inventoried and laid up in some convenient place, or such other society as aforesaid respectively, in such sort, and according as by the fellows of the said several Innes of Court, or Places in the said Innes of Court respectively, being members of the House of Commons, or by any two of the aforesaid Committee appointed by this Ordinance shall be directed and ordered, there likewise to remain for such publique or other use as to the Houses of Parliament shall seem most meet and reasonable.

Provided also that nothing in this Ordinance contained, shall be any hinderance to the Assembly of Divines, or any of that

Assembly, but that they or any of them (during the time that Assembly shall usually sit) may use, and be permitted to take with them, for their Present use any of the said Manuscript Books, or any Books of the said Libraries, or Collections, so that they respectively leave in the Place where they take them, a Note subscribed by them of what they so take, and of the time of such their taking it, and of their promise safely to returne it.

And be it further also Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every the Committee and Committees of sequestrations and distresses or either of them, in all and every other place whatsoever respectively, and all and every the Officers, under them imployed respectively, shall preserve and keep safe from sale, dispersion, and destruction, all and every the Evidences of Lands, Rentals, Accompt Books, proceedings of Courts, and all and every other kind of written Books, Papers, or Parchments, by them respectively Sequestred or taken by distresse, or to be sequestred or taken by distresse; and the same shall respectively leave or put, and dispose in some place, or places of safe Custody for such publique or further use, as the Houses of Parliament shall direct or Command. And that all and every the Officers of the Army, and of all and every the Forces raised by the authority of the Houses of Parliament, and all and every the Souldiers under them shall respectively upon all occasions, and in all places, take like care for the preservation of all kinds of Evidences of Lands, Rentals, Accompt Books, Proceedings of Courts, and all and every other written Papers or Parchments that shall or may fall into their Hands or power, that they and every of them may be safely likewise kept as aforesaid, both from sale, or other dispersion of them, as also from Spoile and Destruction.

MAY 27. 1644.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, for the better Execution of the former Ordinances for Sequestration of Delinquents and Papists Estates.

WHereas the former Ordinances of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament for Sequestration of Delinquents Estates, have not been put into such effectual and speedy

speedy Execution in divers places as was expected, to the great disservice of the Common-wealth.

For remedy thereof, and for the more speedy Collecting and bringing in of all such Moneys, Rents, and Goods as are, or shall be due upon the said Ordinances or any of them, the said Lords and Commons do further Declare and Ordaine in manner and form following:

I. That the several sequestrators and Committees heretofore or hereafter to be appointed by Authority of Parliament, and the several Sollicitors, Collectors, Treasurers, Appraisors, and all other Persons by them imployed by vertue of the said Ordinances, or either of them, shall within ten dayes after notice of this present Ordinance to them given, or before the intermedling therewith take this ensuing Oath:

I A. B. do swear, That I shall and will truly, according to the trust reposed in me, Execute for the best advantage of the Common-wealth, all & every of the Ordinances made by the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, for sequestration of Delinquents and Papists Estates; And that I shall not for feare, favour, reward, or affection, spare, connive at, or discharge any of the said Delinquents or Papists; So help me God.

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Which Oath shall be taken by the said Committees before any Deputy-Lieutenant, Justice of Peace of the County, City Borough, or place where such Committees shall sit, who are by this Ordinance authorized to Administer the said Oath, and by the said Sollicitors, Collectors, Appraisors, and other Officers, before the said Committees or any two of them, who are also hereby Authorized to Administer the same; which said Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of Peace, and Committees respectively, are hereby required and injoyned to certifie unto the Speaker of the House of Commons the Names of all such persons as shall take the said Oath, and also the names of all such as shall neglect or refuse to take the same.

II. That all Officers, and every other person whatsoever, who hath in his custody any Goods of any person whose Estate is sequestred, shall bring the same into the several and respective Committees of Sequestration within the said County within ten dayes after notice of this Ordinance, or otherwise within five dayes after the Expiration of the said ten dayes, pay ready Money to the Committees for the same, according to such Rates as they shall be appraised upon Oath, by two able Appraisors appointed by the said Committees, and in default of bringing in such Goods or payment for the same, shall forfeit for every week he or they shall detaine, or not pay the same, the sum of two shillings six pence for every twenty shillings worth of such Goods, to the use of the Commonwealth.

III. That all suspensions of sequestrations of any Delinquents or Papists estates, made by the Committees in any County or Corporation, without expresse Order of both Houses of Parliament, shall be forthwith taken off, and cleared, and no suspension or excuse of persons Sequestred allowed, but what is warranted by the Ordinances of both Houses.

IIII That all Debts made for goods sold, shall within ten dayes after this Ordinance, be paid in by the persons owing the same, to the Treasurers of the several places where they are due, and in default thereof the said Debts immediatly after the said ten dayes, to be paid by the several parties that sold the same, under paine of forfeiting the sum of two shillings six pence in

in every pound for every week they remaine unpaid after the said ten dayes, in regard the Ordinances appoint no sale but for ready Monies.

V. That all the sequestred Houses and Lands now standing void and unlet, shall forthwith be let, Tenanted, or improved by the respective Committees and their Officers, for the best advantage of the Common-wealth, upon paine of such punishments, in case of wilful negligence as the Houses shall inflict.

VI. That active, able, trusty men, who will diligently attend this service, shall be added to all Committees of Sequestrations where there is cause, and that the Committees of Accounts of the Kingdome shall from time to time present the names of such persons to both Houses of Parliament.

VII. That the several Committees for Sequestration in each County, three or more of them shall constantly meet and sit upon this service two set dayes at the least every week to be by them appointed, and shall increase or alter the number of their Collectors; and if any neglect or misdemeanor shall be found in any Sollicitor in the execution of his said Office, the said Committees, or any three or more of them shall certifie the same unto the Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestrations.

VIII. That no Treasurer appointed by the Sequestrators, shall be allowed above two pence in the pound for Moneys received by him, and that every Committee and Treasurer residing in the City of *London*, or within the Line of Communication, who shall receive any Sum or Sums of Moneys upon Sequestrations, shall pay the same to the Treasurers for Sequestrations at *Guild-hall* London, within six dayes after his or their receipt thereof, and the Committees and Treasurers that are to pay in their Money to the said Treasurers at *Guild-hall* aforesaid, residing within fourty miles of *London*, shall pay the Moneys they receive within fifteen dayes after the Receipt thereof, and such Committees and Treasurers who live above fourty miles from *London*, shall within thirty dayes after the receipt thereof pay the same to the said Treasurers under pain of

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forfeiting two shillings six pence in the pound for every weeke he or they shall detaine the same, after the respective times herein limited.

IX. That the several Collectors and Sollicitors for sequestrations, that have not heretofore pursued, or shall not hereafter pursue the several Ordinances of sequestrations, and the trust thereby in them reposed; shall be disalowed upon their Accompts, all fees, or summes of Money appointed unto them by any Ordinance whatsoever.

X. That the severall Sollicitors and Collectors for sequestrations shall from henceforth keep severall exact Accompts of all Goods, Lands, Rents and profits sequestred, and enter the same into several Bookes of Accompts to be kept for that purpose, and shall within ten dayes, next after notice of this present Ordinance, make several Bookes of Accompts of all Debts, Rents, and profits then arreare, unreceived and uncollected, and of the particulars and values of all the Goods, Lands, Rents, Tenements, and Revenues of every person Sequestred within their several divisions, and shall likewise quarterly make and deliver the like Accompts unto the several Committees under whom they are imployed, to the end the certain value of the Sequestration may be discovered, and a constant Revenue raised.

XI. And it is further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, that all and every of the penalties in and by this present Ordinance imposed, or to be inflicted upon any person or persons offending contrary to this Ordinance, or any Article therein contained, shall be levyed by the said respective Committees, their Collectors and Agents, by distresse and sale of the parties goods so offending.

XII. And it is further Ordained, That no Committee or Committees whatsoever, shall without valuable consideration dispose of any Sequestred goods, or make any loane thereof without the consent of both Houses of Parliament.

XIII. That all Officers, and every other person whatsoever who hath detained in his hands any sequestration moneys, or hath received any of the said Moneys without a sufficient

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Warrant for his so doing, and contrary to former Ordinances, shall bring in and pay all such monies so by them detained or received, to the Treasurers for Sequestrations at *Guild-Hall London*, within twenty dayes after notice of this Ordinance, and in default thereof shall forfeit two shillings six pence for every twenty shillings for every week he or they shall detain or not pay the same to the uses aforesaid; and the monies so detained, together with the said forfeiture, shall be levied by the said Respective Committees, their Collectors, or Agents, by distresse or sale of the parties goods so offending: And where no sufficient distresse can be found, the parties so offending to be committed to prison till the money be paid as aforesaid.

XIIII. And it is further Ordained, that for the prevention of all fraudulent and indirect dealing, and for the present and future satisfaction of the Kingdom; All Treasurers and Collectors in the Assotiated Counties under the command of the Right Honorable *Edward* Earl of *Manchester*; as also in the County of *Kent* and *Surry*, where by several Ordinances of Parliament they have power to detain one third part of all the Sequestration money within the said Counties, for the better maintaining of the Forces by them raised respectively, for the preservation of the Parliament and Kingdom; shall bring in to the Treasurers for Sequestrations at *Guild-Hall London*, every three moneths, or oftner, if they shall be thereunto required, an exact accompt of all the Sequestration monies by them received and issued out for the third part as aforesaid or otherwise, and produce Receipts for the same, to the end the said Treasurers at *Guild-Hall* may keep accompt of all the Sequestration monies as by former Ordinances was Ordained, and to take care that the said monies be equally divided and applyed, as by the said Ordinance is intended, and that the like course is to be observed by all particular men for all Sequestration monies they shall receive, in any County or place under the Power or Command of the Parliament, by vertue of any particular Ordinance obtained by them, that they may receive no more then is intended and appointed by their several Ordinances Respectively.

XV. And it is further Ordained, that *John Madden* Gentleman, shall be a General Sollicitor for the better Execution of this and the former Ordinances of Sequestrations, And is hereby Authorized to keep due correspondence with all Committees, Solicitors, Treasurers, Collectors, and other Officers, employed about the Sequestrations, and shall give his best advice and assistance to the said Treasurers at *Guild-Hall* for the better promoting and advancing of the said service: And when he shall discover any obstruction or disorder in any person or persons therein imployed, he shall acquaint the Committee, of the Lords and Commons for Sequestration therewith: And for his pains and attendance on this service, the said Treasurers at *Guild-Hall* shall pay unto him weekly twenty shillings: and shall also pay to the said *John Madden* all his necessary charges and expences which he shall disburse, if he shall finde it needful, with advice of the said Treasurers at *Guild-Hall*, to travel into any of the Counties under the Power and Command of the Parliament, for the better and more speedy effecting of the Premises, and for the postage of Letters.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament,

For taking away the Fifth part of Delinquents Estates, formerly granted by an Ordinance of Parliament for maintaining of the Wives and Children of *Delinquents*.

WHereas by a late Ordinance of Sequestration it is among other things Declared and Ordained, That the Committees of the several Counties shall have power to assign maintenance out of the Lands of Delinquents; to their several Wives and Children, so as the same exceed not the fifth part of the Lands or Goods so Sequestred: And whereas by occasion hereof, divers Wives and Children of Delinquents may resort hither, onely to obtain the said Fifth part, and may be ready to do ill offices to the Parliament; The Lords and Commons, to prevent the said mischief, and other of like nature, do Ordain, That no Wife, Childe or Children of any Delinquent, who shall come from their own Habitation into the Parliaments quarters, with or without their Fathers and Husbands,

from the Kings Quarters, shall have, hold and injoy any Fifth part by the said Ordinance: And therefore they do Ordain, That all such allowances hereafter to be made to such Wife or Children, shall be utterly void. And if any such Wife, Childe or Children shall return from the Kings Quarters, without leave of both Houses: The Deputy-Lieutenants and Committees of Parliament in the several Counties, or any two of them, or any of them, are hereby authorized and required to take care, that they be commanded to return back into the Kings Quarters; And if they shall not return upon command given to them by the Deputy-Lieutenants or Committee, or any two of them, they shall hereby have power to commit them, until they shall give security for to return. And be it further Ordained, That no Children of any Delinquents shall have any Fifth part, but such as shall be educated and brought up in the Protestant Religion.

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Die Martis, 18. November. 1645.

An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament, for constituting and appointing a Committee of Lords and Commons for the better ordering, directing, and disposing of the Rents, Issues and Profits belonging to the Colledge and Collegiate Church of Westminster.

WHereas the Colledge and Collegiate Church of *Westminster* have been heretofore governed and regulated

regulated by the Dean and Prebends thereof, who have taken upon them the care and charge of bringing in the Rents and profits belonging thereunto, for the maintenance of the Schollers of the Free-School, Almsmen, Servants, and Officers belonging to the said Colledge and Collegiate Church: And forasmuch as the present Dean and Prebends thereof (except only Mr. *Lambert Osbolston*) have deserted their charge, or are become Delinquents to the Parliament, whereby the said Colledge and Collegiate Church is destitute of Government; and the said School, Almsmen, Servants, and Officers, deprived of all means of subsistence, by reason no person is appointed to take care for the same; for remedy whereof, Be it Ordained by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That the Earl of *Northumberland*, Earl of *Pembroke*, Earl of *Nottingham*, Earl of *Denbigh*, Earl of *Manchester*, Lord Viscount *Say* and *Seal*, Lord *Willoughby*, Lord *North*, Lord *Mountague*, Lord *Roberts*, Lord *Howard*, Master Solicitor, Mr. *Rous*, Sir *Walter Earl*, Mr. *Wheeler*, Sir *Robert Harley*, Mr. *Maynard*, Sir *Gilbert Gerrard*, Sir *William Strickland*, Mr. *Ashurst*, Sir *John Cletworthy*, Mr. *Reynolds*, Mr. *Gourdon*, Mr. *Lisle*, Master Recorder, Sir *William Massam*, Sir *Robert Pye*, Sir *John Trevor*, Mr. *Swalloway*, Mr. *Hoyle*, Sir *John Dreyden*, Sir *Henry Vane* Junior, and *Bulstrode Whitlock*, Esquire, shall be and are hereby constituted and appointed the Committee in this Ordinance; And that the said Committee or any seven or more of them, shall have the same and the like power and authority to all intents and purposes as any Dean and Prebends have, or of right ought to have had in

in the ordering, directing, and disposing the Rents, Issues, and Profits belonging, or in any wise appertaining to the said Colledge or Collegiate Church; And in doing and executing all other Act or Acts, thing or things that any way concerns the said Colledge or Collegiate Church: Provided the same extend not to the letting Leases of any Houses or Lands belonging to the said Colledge for above the space of three years, reserving at the least such yearly Rents, Profits and services, as were formerly payable out of any such Lands or Houses unto the said Colledge or Collegiate Church: And be it further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons, That the said Dean and Prebends, and all other Officers, Members, and Servants belonging to the said Colledge or Collegiate Church, and every of them that have absented themselves from their Offices and Places, or are Delinquents, or have not taken the Covenant, shall (until both Houses take Order to the contrary) stand and be suspended of and from their several places and Offices, and of and from all maner of benefit or profit that might accrew unto them or any of them thereby, with the Arrears thereof: Provided this extend not to the taking away such stipend or other allowance from the said Mr. *Osbolston*, as of right he hath formerly received, or ought to have received as a Prebend of the said Collegiate Church of *Westminster*: And the said Committee or any seven or more of them, are hereby authorized to constitute and appoint fit and able persons in the room and places of such officers & Servants belonging to the said Colledge or Collegiate Church, as are dead, or have deserted their places, or are Delinquents, or not taken the Covenant

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as aforesaid, whose Offices and places they shall finde necessary, to be continued for the use and service of the said Colledge. And be it further Ordained, That the said Committee or any seven or more of them, together with the Master of Trinity Colledge in *Cambridge*, and the Master of the said School in *Westminster*, shall hereby have the like power to elect and chuse Schollers into the said School, and thence to Trinity Colledge in *Cambridge* aforesaid, and to Christ Church in *Oxon*, as by the Statutes of the said Colledge of *Westminster*, was invested in the Dean of *Westminster* and Christ Church, the Master of Trinity Colledge and *Westminster* School aforesaid: Provided nevertheless, when the said Dean or Master of Christ Church aforesaid, shall not be a Delinquent to the Parliament, his right in the election aforesaid, according to the said Statutes shall not hereby be impeached.

And the said Committee or any seven or more of them, are hereby further authorized to place poor men in such Alms-places belonging to the said Collegiate Church, as shall from time to time become void.

And whereas the upholding of preaching in the Abbey of *Westminster* aforesaid, upon the Lords dayes, and the daily morning Lecture there, is a work much tending to the glory of God, and comfort of the Inhabitants of *Westminster* and places adjacent, Be it therefore further Ordained, That the said Committee or any seven or more of them, shall have power hereby to make such allowances out of the Revenues belonging to the said Collegiate Church, unto the Ministers that have or shall perform the said service upon the Lords day, and week dayes aforesaid, as they shall think

think fit.

And it is lastly Ordered and Ordained, That all and every person and persons that shall do or perform any thing in conformity to this present Ordinance, shall be saved and kept harmless by authority of both Houses of Parliament.

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